

March 5, 2021

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kissel and Fishbein and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Laura Orban, I am from Brookfield and a supporter of CT Against Gun Violence. I am testifying in favor of HB-6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders.

Three years after we were married (in 2003), my husband's Grandmother was shot and killed by her husband who then turned the gun on himself. My husband's Grandmother wanted a divorce. The murder-suicide was the result.

Nothing I write will fully express the impact of that event.

People need to be aware that a depressed person has access to a gun. People need to have a way to get the gun out of that person's hands before irreparable damage is done to families forever.

If and when that person regains the mental capacity to handle a gun without hurting themselves or anyone else, this law would not infringe on their rights.

I ask that you favorably report HB-6355 out of committee so that the General Assembly can vote to strengthen our Extreme Risk Protection law so that it works harder to prevent firearm suicide and homicide. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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